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SUBJECT: RWANDA: FRENCH RESOLUTION ON PROVIDING TROOPS:

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U.S. RESPONSE

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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. THE ONGOING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN RWANDA PRESENTS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WITH A SITUATION THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY. THE FRENCH PROPOSAL (REF A) TO SEND IN TROOPS TO PROTECT REFUGEES AND RELIEF PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES, WHILE NOT AN IDEAL SOLUTION, DESERVES U.S.

SUPPORT. THE PEACEKEEPING CORE GROUP AGREED JUNE 20 TO SUPPORT THE FRENCH DRAFT RESOLUTION, BUT WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS. FOREMOST AMONG THESE ARE THE NEED TO SET A FIXED LIMIT TO THE DURATION OF THE FRENCH PRESENCE IN RWANDA (AND TO WORK TO REPLACE IT QUICKLY BY THE DEPLOYMENT OF AN EXPANDED UNAMIR), TO IMPROVE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE UN SECRETARIAT, AND TO ENSURE THE FRENCH PLAN TO PAY FOR THEIR DEPLOYMENT.

3. IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRENCH AND THE SECRETRAY GENERAL MISSION IS INSTRUCTED TO GAIN ASSURANCES THAT THE FRENCH DEPLOYMENT WILL NOT RPT NOT BE FUNDED BY A PEACEKEEPING ASSESSMENT. MISSION SHOULD GAIN ASSURANCE THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL BE FUNDED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY. IF MISSION CANNOT GAIN THESE ASSURANCES, MISSION IS INSTRUCTED NOT TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION AND TO SEEK FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

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4. ONCE ABOVE ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED, MISSION MAY SUPPORT THE FRENCH DRAFT CONTAINED REF (A) WITH WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

IN THE PREAMBULAR SECTION, MISSION SHOULD INSERT A
PARAGRAPH THAT FORESHADOWS THE FACT THAT THIS IS A CHAPTER
VII OPERATION:
BEGIN TEXT:

DETERMINING THAT THE SITUATION IN RWANDA CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION,

END TEXT.

OP 3: MISSION SHOULD SEEK TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE LIMITING THE FRENCH DEPLOYMENT TO 60 DAYS AND LIMITING ITS OBJECTIVES TO THOSE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR OF RESOLUTION 925.
BEGIN TEXT:

ACTING UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND MEMBER STATES COOPERATING TO IMPLEMENT FOR A TRANSITIONAL FERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY DAYS THE OFFER REFERRED TO IN

PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE AND TO USE ALL NECESSARY MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH FOUR OF RESOLUTION 925 (1994);

END TEXT.

OP 4: MISSION SHOULD PROVIDE LANGUAGE THAT PROVIDES THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY GENERAL WITH THE ABILITY TO DETERMINE WHEN
UNAMIR IS OPERATING EFFECTIVELY, AND THUS WHEN THE FRENCH
FORCE CAN BE WITHDRAWN;
BEGIN TEXT:

DECIDES THAT THE MISSION OF MEMBER STATES COOPERATING WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL BE LIMITED TO THE SIXTY DAY

TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, PROVIDED THAT THIS TRANSITIONAL PERIOD CAN BE TERMINATED EARLIER UFON DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT UNAMIR IS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE:

END TEXT.

OP 5: MISSION SHOULD INSERT LANGUAGE ENCOURAGING MEMBER STATES TO SUPPORT THE "ADOPT-A-BATTALION" PROGRAM OUTLINED REF B:

BEGIN TEXT:

CALLS UPON THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO IDENTIFY AND COORDINATE THE SUPPLY OF THE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY TROOPS COMMITTED TO UNAMIR, AND CALLS UPON ALL MEMBER STATES TO RESPOND URGENTLY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REQUEST, IN ORDER TO ENABLE UNAMIR TO FULFILL ITS MANDATE EFFECTIVELY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS LIGHT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WELCOMES THE OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER SUPPORT ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE THE HARDWARE, SUSTAINMENT AND TRAINING FOR THE MISSION ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE GHANAIAN BATTALION AND CALLS ON OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO LIKEWISE SPONSOR SPECIFIC TROOP CONTRIBUTORS TO SPEED UNAMIR'S EXPANDED FORCE DEPLOYMENT;

END TEXT.

OP 6: MISSION SHOULD REWORK THE DRAFT ALONG THE LINES OF THE UNITAF RESOLUTION (S/RES/794) OF 12/2/92 TO ENSURE VIABLE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARIAT AND THE FRENCH FORCE. THE DRAFT SHOULD READ:

BEGIN TEXT:

REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE MEMBER STATES OPERATING UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE MECHANISMS FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEIR MILITARY FORCES;

END TEXT.

MISSION SHOULD INTRODUCE ANOTHER OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, ALSO IN LINE WITH RES 794, THAT ENSURES VOLUNTARY FUNDING FOR THE DEPLOYMENT:

BEGIN TEXT:

CALLS UPON ALL MEMBER STATES WHICH ARE IN A POSITION TO DO

SO TO PROVIDE MILITARY FORCES AND TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS, IN CASH OR IN KIND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE;

END TEXT.

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OP 8: THE MISSION SHOULD ADD LANGUAGE REQUIRING A REPORT FROM THE SYG TO THE COUNCIL BY AUGUST 12 ON THE STATUS OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR AND THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN RWANDA. THE SYG SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO RECOMMEND THAT UNAMIR ASSUME ITS ROLE AS DEFINED &Y RESOLUTION 925. BEGIN TEXT:

REQUESTS MEMBER STATES COOPERATING WITH THE SECRETARY
GENERAL TO KEEP THE COUNCIL REGULARLY INFORMED OF THEIR
ACTIONS IN RWANDA THROUGH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND
REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PRESENT A REFORT TO THE
COUNCIL BY AUGUST 12 ON THE COMPLETED DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR

AND THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN RWANDA;

END TEXT.

5. FINALLY, IN THE EOV THE MISSION SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE U.S. SEES THE FRENCH DEPLOYMENT AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE, AND THAT THE UN SHOULD WORK TO ESTABLISH UNAMIR IN RWANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THUS OBVIATING A FRENCH PRESENCE. THE MISSION SHOULD ALSO REITERATE THE NEED FOR OTHER STATES TO SUPPORT UNAMIR. TALBOTT

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